Komta language

Komta is an extinct unclassified language spoken in what is now Gombe State, northeastern Nigeria.

Komta	
Region	Kaltungo Peak, Nigeria
Extinct	early 20th century?[1]
Language family	unclassified ▪
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (mis)
Glottolog	komt1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/komt1237)[2]

History of study

Ulrich Kleinewillinghöfer, when investigating the Jalaa language of Nigeria, inquired into the several previous peoples of the area that had, like the Jalaa, been absorbed by newcomers within living memory. One of these was the Komta. He says,

> "The Komta people were dispelled and/or eradicated by the Tangale upon their arrival in the area around Kaltungo Peak. The list [below] was scribbled on a piece of paper and given to me in 2003 by and elderly Tangale working at the time in Maiduguri ... He explained that this is how his (Tangale) grandfather said the Komta counted."[1]

Data

Given the time elapsed and the lack of a direct witness, it can only be said that the following numerals are *alleged* to be Komta.[1]

1 *pampe*
2 *natgana*
3 *titana*
4 *titanu*
5 *notgoru*
6 *borganje*
7 *gaje*
8 *yakana*
9 *yawo* (*yarwo*?)
10 *mat*

Notes

1. Ulrich Kleinewillinghöfer, 2010 ms, *Jalaa, the last member of an extinct language family*
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Komta" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/komt1237). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

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